

# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS



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Office of the 5th  
DIVISION COMMANDER

Elroy Ostendorf  
5th Division Commander  
Department of Illinois  
312 North Market St.  
Waterloo, Illinois 62298

March 1, 1976

Mr. William Colby  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. Colby:

Several weeks ago I wrote you a letter (copy enclosed)  
I have not heard anything as yet and I am wondering if you could  
please answer yes or no soon. If you cannot comply with our  
request we will have to look elsewhere for a speaker. As you can  
understand my position these things cannot be done at the last  
minute.

Would appreciate an answer as soon as possible  
Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

*Elroy Ostendorf*

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This convention will be on June 12, 1976 at 6:00 P.M. and there will be approximately 150 persons attending this banquet. This will be all adults.

Would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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<b>TRANSMITTAL SLIP</b>		DATE
TO: Mr. Evans		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	
REMARKS:		
<p>Previous Correspondence to Mr. Colby (see copy encl.) was sent to Mr. Thuermer for action on 20 Jan 1976. No response recorded in ER to date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>20th</i></p>		
FROM: ER/Jim		
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Remarks:

*Since you didn't answer this  
would you pls phone  
him*

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